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1. SUMMARY: JAPANESE GOVT SEEMS LARGELY TO SHARE US EVALUATION

OF FIRST CIEC MEETINGS AND HOPES THAT PACE OF PROGRESS WILL NOT BE FORCED, EVEN WITH UNCTAD IV IN PROSPECT. PARALYSIS OF GOVT DECISION MAKING PROCESS DURING LOCKHEED CASE LEADS JAPAN TO FEEL IT CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY EXPENSIVE INITIATIVES FOR MANY MONTHS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN GENERAL RUN-DOWN ON JAPANESE PERCEPTIONS OF CIEC RESULTS, MOTONO, DIRGEN OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF, TOLD EC MIN MARCH 9 THAT GOJ VIEWED FEB CIEC MEETINGS AS GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL AND SUPPORTIVE OF JAPAN'S AIMS. HE SAID HE FELT JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE ON RAW MATERIALS HAD HIT ABOUT RIGHT PITCH, WITH MIYAZAKI IN CHAIR PART-TIME AS CO-CHAIRMAN AND HIMSELF AS PRINCIPAL JAPANESE SPOKESMAN. WITH MIYAZAKI'S REPUTATION AS TOUGH PROPONENT, MOTONO WAS ABLE TAKE SOFTER LINE AND STRESS NEED FOR EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN THAT WOULD PUT COMMODITY PRICES IN CONTEXT OF WORLD ECONOMY AND EMPHASIZE NEED TO AWAIT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' RECOVERY BEFORE DRAWING CONCLUSIONS. MOTONO SAID HE AND COLLEAGUES BELIEVED OTHER COMMISSIONS HAD ATTAINED SATISFACTORY RESULTS AND THAT WITH CAREFUL MANAGEMENT WOULD REACH UNCTAD WITHOUT HAVING TO MAKE DANGEROUS CONCESSIONS TO GROUP OF 77.

3. MOTONO STRESSED THAT US SHOULD NOT EXPECT MUCH FROM JAPAN IN WAY OF CHANGES IN EXISTING POLICY. HE CHARACTERIZED JAPANESE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AS "PARALYZED" BY LOCKHEED CASE, WITH ALL THE PRINCIPAL ACTORS FOCUSING ON NOTHING ELSE. HE SAID THAT ANY CASE, MINISTRY OF FINANCE COULD PROBABLY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY HELD BACK ANY NEW COMMITMENTS WITH EVEN MODEST PRICE TAGS. HE BELIEVES IT WILL BE A LEAST LATE 1976 BEFORE JAPANESE ECONOMIC RECOVERY WILL HAVE PROCEEDED FAR ENOUGH TO EXPECT RELAXATION OF MOF ATTITUDES. HE IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US IN PERIOD LEADING UP TO UNCTAD AND TO HAVE ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANY NEW DEPARTURES IN US POLICY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AT THIS TIME WHEN FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY PLANNERS PARTICULARLY FRAGILE ABOUT LOCKHEED AND BUDGET, ANY
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ADVANCE INFORMATION WE CAN PASS ON ABOUT US OBJECTIVES AT MARCH AND APRIL CIEC MEETINGS WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED AND SHOULD HELP US OBTAIN AS MUCH COOPERATION AS IS FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME. JAPANESE ARE ALSO NERVOUS ABOUT TIMING OF CIEC DISCUSSIONS AS THEY RELATE TO UNCTAD IV AND OUR ENDS WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY ADVANCE DISCUSSION AS US THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT DEVELOPS. STATE 57548 JUST RECEIVED. CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED THERE WILL BE A BIG HELP. WE WILL CABLE

JAPANESE REACTION AS SOON AS WE HAVE IT.
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